

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I need to write about pro-life concerns this week.

Right now there is a legal trend in southern States in the U.S to make abortion illegal, especially after the heartbeat of the unborn child is detected (at around 6 weeks into a pregnancy). In Alabama, the only exception will be for the health of the life of the mother, and the only ones held accountable are the abortion providers.

In one sense, it really seems incredible that there is such an uproar brewing about these legal issues. It seems the steps are being taken to have the whole issue brought to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Some people argue, as they always have, that the fetus is not a human being or that the unborn baby is not a viable person. It used to be the case that abortion could only be sanctioned in the early months of pregnancy but the State of New York was among the first to do away with that provision. New York now allows abortion up until the moment of birth and even allows for a baby born after a failed abortion to be left to die, or worse.

I understand all of the arguments in favor of the rights of the woman. A woman does have the right to control her body, but once there is a pregnancy, the fetus is not her body. That's the point on which both sides cannot agree. It is an extremely delicate topic filled with emotion. However, if anyone is going to err in this debate, shouldn't everyone err on the side of caution in favor of life? For example, there are some remarkable protections that exist for animals which are pregnant. Some unborn animals cannot be harmed. How did we as a country (many countries) get to the point at which there is no legal protection for a child before birth? Does the argument extend to the time when Jesus was in Mary's womb? Is a baby a person one second before birth or not? One minute? One hour?

Stay tuned for efforts that individuals can take to defend life.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page, below the typed name.